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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2004

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action of February 27, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants are also submitting herewith a translation of Japanese Patent No. 54-30590, which was previously submitted by the Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 20, 2003 and which is the primary reference relied upon by the examiner in the above-mentioned office action. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner indicate his consideration of this translation on the record.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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